

Special Rules for Bicycles

Two Wheels or Four, The Law is the Same

Where to Ride on the Road

Bicycles are Vehicles

- Persons riding bicycles two or more abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane. (RSA 265:144-5)
- No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. (RSA 265:144-2)
- No person operating a bicycle shall hitch onto a car or any other vehicle moving upon a way. (RSA 265:144-3)
- No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars. (RSA 265:144-4)
- No bicycle shall be operated unless the steering, brakes, tires, and other required equipment are all in safe condition. (RSA 265:144-9)
- Riders under the age of 16 must wear a helmet when operating a bicycle on a public way. (RSA 265:144-10)

When bicycling after dark you must use a white front headlight and a red rear light or rear reflector. (RSA 266:86)

- Before entering the roadway, yield the right of way to approaching traffic. (RSA 265:32)
- Stop and yield to cross traffic at a stop sign. (RSA 265:30-1)
- Don't cross the stop line when the traffic signal is red. (RSA 265-30-0)
- Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk without traffic signals, and don't pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. (RSA 265:35-1&IV)
- In preparing to turn left, do so from the furthest left lane available. (RSA 265-42) To prepare for the turn, first look behind and merge to the center line or left turn lane as traffic permits, signaling to get the cooperation of following drivers as necessary.
- Don't ride on sidewalks (RSA 265-26-a)
- Don't ride the wrong way on a one-way street (RSA 265-23)
- Any vehicle shall stop upon demand of a peace officer and permit his vehicle to be inspected. (RSA 265-144-8)

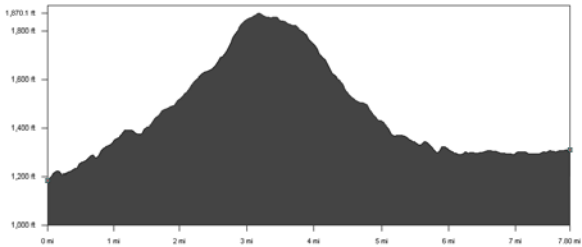
Always wear a well-fitted bike helmet – it can save your life!

- Ride on the right side of the road, with the flow of traffic. (RSA 265-16-0) Motorists and pedestrians do not look for bicyclists coming from the wrong direction. Riding against traffic is the single largest cause of collisions with cars.
  - Look ahead for potholes, debris, and other obstacles. As soon as you see one, look behind and merge left, as traffic permits, well before you reach the obstacle.
  - Do not ride so close to parked cars that opening doors may hit you. In an urban situation one may have to ride close to parked cars, look ahead through the cars' rear windows to look for drivers who may be about to open their doors.
  - Do not pass on the right of cars turning right.
- Where there is space, leave enough room for faster traffic to pass. You may occupy any part of a lane when your safety warrants it. Never compromise your safety for the convenience of a motorist behind you.

According to New Hampshire law, bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles. (RSA 265-143)

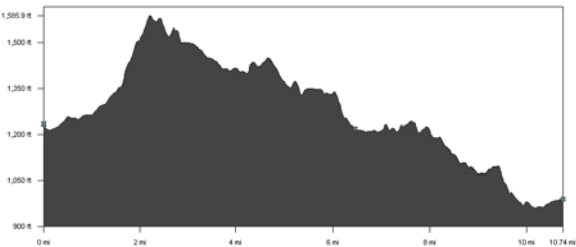
However, the reputation of all bicyclists is hampered by the few cyclists who ride outside the law. Riding by the same set of rules as motorists makes you predictable and greatly reduces your risk of a crash. Law-abiding actions send a message to motorists: "I belong here - and I'm going to share the road in a predictable, courteous way - just as I expect you to."

Bicycle  
Safely  
Our reputation is  
riding on you



NH 123

Profile: From the junction of NH10 and NH123 in Marlow to the junction of NH123 and NH 9 in Stoddard



Nelson Road and Hancock Road

Profile: From the junction of NH 9 and Nelson Rd. in Nelson to the junction of Hancock Rd. and NH137 in Harrisville

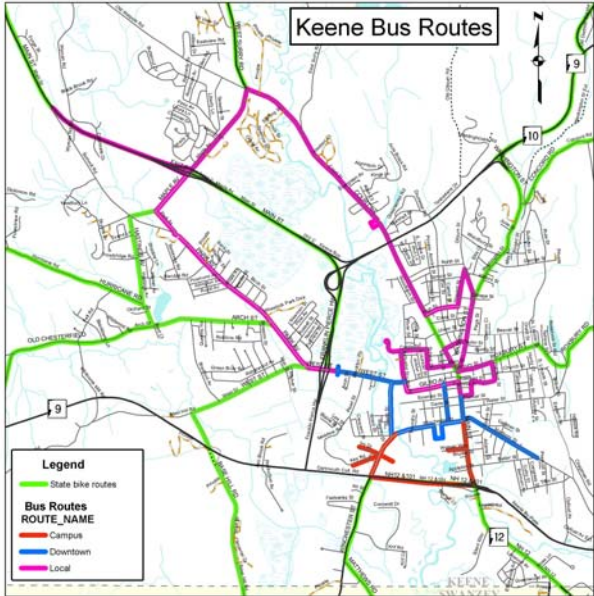
MONADNOCK REGION STATE FACILITIES									
Key	State Facilities	Min. Bleach Boat Launch	Bowling	Camping	Fishing	Golfing	Hiking	Pre. Allowed	Swimming
01	Annett Wayside Park							X	X
41	Chesterfield Gorge Natural Area						X	X	X
42	Franklin Pierce Homestead					X			
43	Greenfield State Park	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
44	Miller State Park					X	X	X	X
45	Monadnock State Park			X		X	X	X	X
46	Piscataway State Park	X			X	X	X	X	X
47	Rhododendron State Park					X	X	X	

New Hampshire State Parks have varying degree of accessibility. Most parks have accessible restrooms and picnic facilities, and all state park campgrounds have accessible campsites. To ensure that the appropriate facilities are available to meet specific needs, please call ahead to the park you hope to visit.

Monadnock Region Airports				
Name of Airport	Town	Paved	Length(Ft)	
Dillant-Hopkins Airport	Swanzey	Yes	6201	
Hawthorne-Feather Airpark	Deering/Hillsboro	Yes	3260	
Jaffrey Airport-Silver Ranch Airpark	Jaffrey	Yes	2982	

Monadnock Region Rest Areas				
Name	Location	Phone	Schedule	Tourist Region
Antrim	Route 9, Antrim	588-3010	Opens May 18-Closes Oct 18, 13 Hours/day F S S (7:30-8:30) 10 hours/day M T W T (8-6)	Monadnock

Monadnock Region Park - N - Ride Lots									
Map ID	Town	Location	Spaces	Lights	Bus Shelter	Bike Rack/Locker s	Public Phone		Transit
P26	Hillsborough	NH 9, Hillsborough Bypass	106	Yes	No	No	No	No	
P27	Chesterfield	NH 9, Gorge Rest Area/State Park	45	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	



This is the second addition of the State Bicycle Map. This is one of 7 maps covering the state's 7 tourist regions. The map was developed by the NHDOT with the help of the Regional Planning Commissions, DRED, the Granite State Wheelmen, the Blue Walk Alliance of NH, the Bicycles and more other volunteer bicycle advocates.

We welcome your feedback. Please send any comments or concerns to the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Engineer at 271-2468. Visit our web site at [www.nh.gov/bike](http://www.nh.gov/bike)



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION INCLUDED



Monadnock  
Region

New Hampshire  
Regional Bicycle Map

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On behalf of everyone I invite you to discover our state by bicycle. Our beautiful state offers a variety of terrain, and scenic views as well as historic sites. As you travel, you will not only encounter scenic views, but also historic buildings and quaint country stores. Along the way you will encounter breathtaking views which are even more dramatic from a bicycle. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is committed to improving the state's bicycle infrastructure. By working with the citizens of New Hampshire, Regional Planning Commissions and local communities we will continue to ensure New Hampshire remains a bicycle friendly state.

Sincerely

Carol A. Murray, Commissioner  
NH Department of Transportation